

[0061] FIG. 49 illustrates a reflector layer in the example ECB LCD display using LTPS according to embodiments of the invention.

[0062] FIG. 50 illustrates an ITO layer in the example ECB LCD display using LTPS according to embodiments of the invention.

[0063] FIG. 51 illustrates a completed pixel in the example ECB LCD display using LTPS according to embodiments of the invention.

[0064] FIG. 52 illustrates a side view of a pixel in the example ECB LCD display using LTPS according to embodiments of the invention.

[0065] FIG. 53 illustrates a calculation of the storage capacitance of a pixel in the example ECB LCD display using LTPS according to embodiments of the invention.

[0066] FIG. 54 illustrates an aperture ratio estimation of pixels in the example ECB LCD display using LTPS according to embodiments of the invention.

[0067] FIG. 55 illustrates an example modification in the example ECB LCD display using LTPS according to embodiments of the invention.

[0068] FIG. 56 illustrates a portion of a touch screen that includes an example grounded separator region according to embodiments of the invention.

[0069] FIG. 57 is a side view of the example touch screen of FIG. 56, which illustrates an example high R shield according to embodiments of the invention.

[0070] FIG. 58 illustrates a side view of a portion of an example touch screen including black mask lines of a black mask and metal lines under the black mask lines according to embodiments of the invention.

[0071] FIG. 59 illustrates an example black mask layout according to embodiments of the invention.

[0072] FIG. 60 illustrates an example IPS-based touch-sensing display in which the pixel regions serve multiple functions.

[0073] FIG. 61 illustrates an example computing system that can include one or more of the example embodiments of the invention.

[0074] FIG. 62a illustrates an example mobile telephone that can include a touch screen including pixels with dual-function capacitive elements according to embodiments of the invention.

[0075] FIG. 62b illustrates an example digital media player that can include a touch screen including pixels with dual-function capacitive elements according to embodiments of the invention.

[0076] FIG. 62c illustrates an example personal computer that can include a touch screen including pixels with dual-function capacitive elements according to embodiments of the invention.

#### DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE PREFERRED EMBODIMENTS

[0077] In the following description of preferred embodiments, reference is made to the accompanying drawings which form a part hereof, and in which it is shown by way of illustration specific embodiments in which the invention can be practiced. It is to be understood that other embodiments can be used and structural changes can be made without departing from the scope of the embodiments of this invention.

[0078] This relates to displays including pixels with dual-function capacitive elements. Specifically, these dual-function

capacitive elements form part of the display system that generates an image on the display, and also form part of a touch sensing system that senses touch events on or near the display. The capacitive elements can be, for example, capacitors in pixels of an LCD display that are configured to operate individually, each as a pixel storage capacitor, or electrode, of a pixel in the display system, and are also configured to operate collectively as elements of the touch sensing system. In this way, for example, a display with integrated touch sensing capability may be manufactured using fewer parts and/or processing steps, and the display itself may be thinner and brighter.

[0079] FIG. 1 is a partial circuit diagram of an example LCD display 100 including a plurality of LCD pixels according to embodiments of the present invention. The pixels of panel 100 are configured such that they are capable of dual-functionality as both LCD pixels and touch sensor elements. That is, the pixels include capacitive elements or electrodes, that can operate as part of the LCD display circuitry of the pixels and that can also operate as elements of touch sensing circuitry. In this way, panel 100 can operate as an LCD display with integrated touch sensing capability. FIG. 1 shows details of pixels 101, 102, 103, and 104 of display 100.

[0080] Pixel 102 includes a thin film transistor (TFT) 155 with a gate 155a, a source 155b, and a drain 155c. Pixel 102 also includes a storage capacitor, Cst 157, with an upper electrode 157a and a lower electrode 157b, a liquid crystal capacitor, Clc 159, with a pixel electrode 159a and a common electrode 159b, and a color filter voltage source, Vcf 161. If a pixel is an in-plane-switching (IPS) device, Vcf can be, for example, a fringe field electrode connected to a common voltage line in parallel with Cst 157. If a pixel does not utilize IPS, Vcf 151 can be, for example, an ITO layer on the color filter glass. Pixel 102 also includes a portion 117a of a data line for green (G) color data, Gdata line 117, and a portion 113b of a gate line 113. Gate 155a is connected to gate line portion 113b, and source 155b is connected to Gdata line portion 117a. Upper electrode 157a of Cst 157 is connected to drain 155c of TFT 155, and lower electrode 157b of Cst 157 is connected to a portion 121b of a common voltage line that runs in the x-direction, xVcom 121. Pixel electrode 159a of Clc 159 is connected to drain 155c of TFT 155, and common electrode 159b of Clc 159 is connected to Vcf 151.

[0081] The circuit diagram of pixel 103 is identical to that of pixel 102. However, color data line 119 running through pixel 103 carries blue (B) color data. Pixels 102 and 103 can be, for example, conventional LCD pixels.

[0082] Similar to pixels 102 and 103, pixel 101 includes a thin film transistor (TFT) 105 with a gate 105a, a source 105b, and a drain 105c. Pixel 101 also includes a storage capacitor, Cst 107, with an upper electrode 107a and a lower electrode 107b, a liquid crystal capacitor, Clc 109, with a pixel electrode 109a and a common electrode 109b, and a color filter voltage source, Vcf 111. Pixel 101 also includes a portion 115a of a data line for red (R) color data, Rdata line 115, and a portion 113a of gate line 113. Gate 105a is connected to gate line portion 113a, and source 105b is connected to Rdata line portion 115a. Upper electrode 107a of Cst 107 is connected to drain 105c of TFT 105, and lower electrode 107b of Cst 107 is connected to a portion 121a of xVcom 121. Pixel electrode 109a of Clc 109 is connected to drain 105c of TFT 105, and common electrode 109b of Clc 109 is connected to Vcf 111.

[0083] Unlike pixels 102 and 103, pixel 101 also includes a portion 123a of a common voltage line running in the y-direction.